Segmental unit phonemes are *th kh; p t k; b d; f s h; m n; l r; i e, a o i; VV, V́*. Nasalized vowels are also distinctive, but in the vast majority of cases occur only in preconsonantal and word-final positions, where they can be shown, as above, by *-Vn*. Stylistically or otherwise, nasalized vowels may always be replaced by a nasal consonant flanked by oral vowels (*VNV*). Arawak /i̱/ is mid to high back *un*rounded, Arawak /o/ mid to high back rounded.

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